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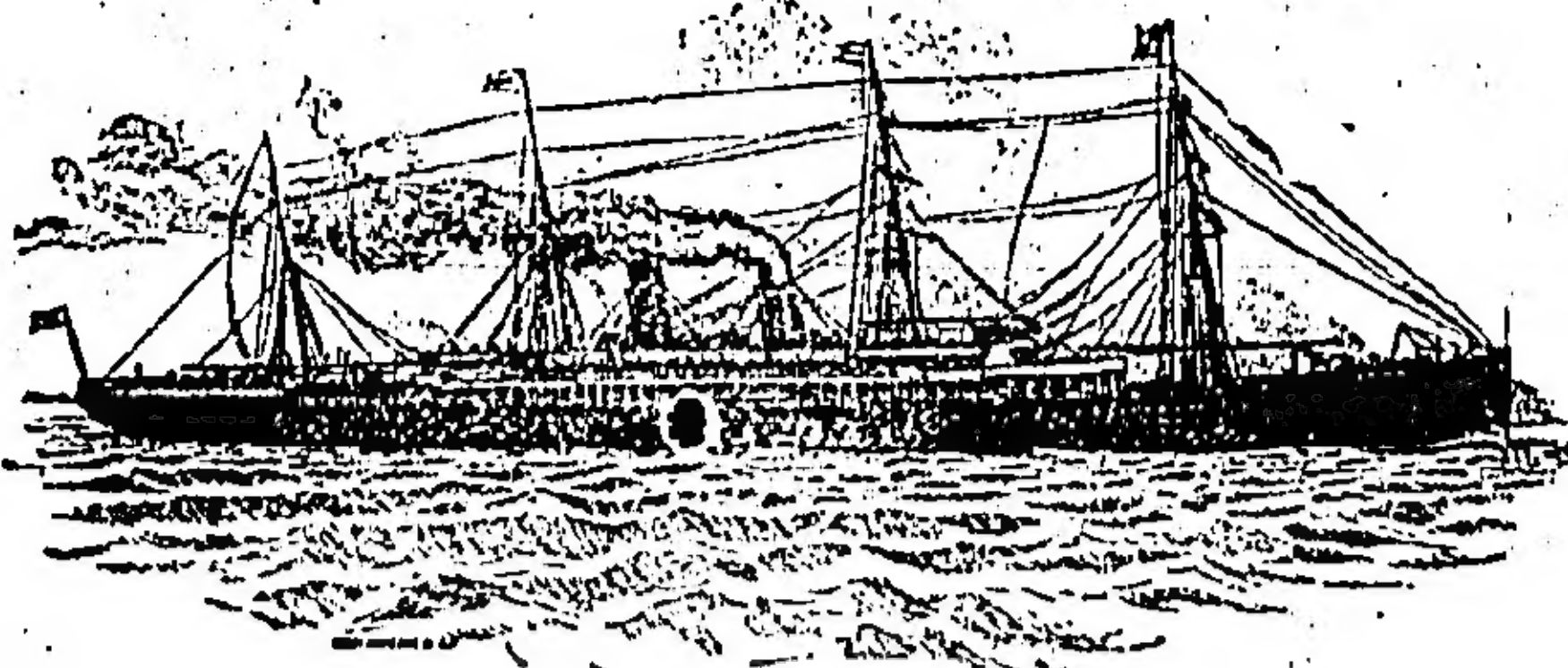
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"TARTAR" .....	4,425 "	WEDNESDAY, 24th February.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN" .....	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 6th March.
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By Order,  
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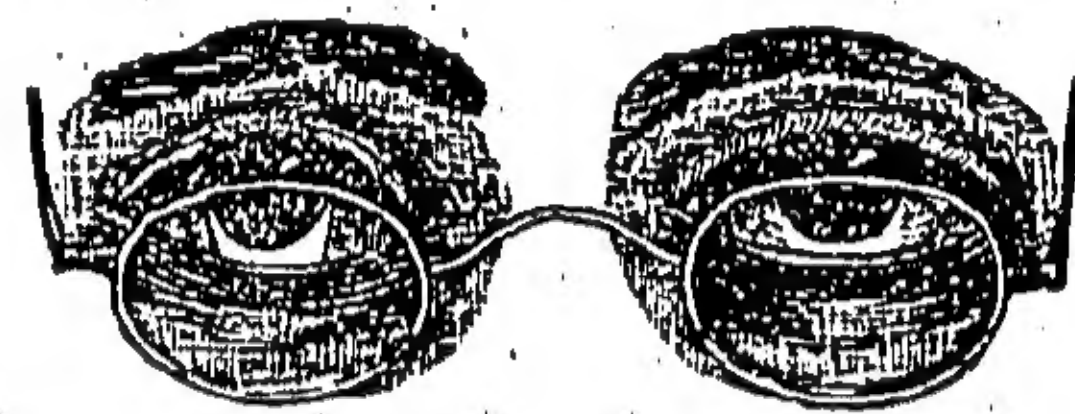
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Hongkong, 29th July, 1903.

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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1903. [29]

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who have not had their Premises LIMEWASHED  
and CLEANSED in accordance with Law,  
are reminded that the period during which this  
work should be FINISHED ends on the 31st  
day of December, 1903, and the Sanitary Board  
being convinced of the necessity of cleanliness  
in its efforts to stamp out Plague, is deter-  
mined to rigorously prosecute any owner in  
default after the above named date.

By Order of the Board,  
G. A. WOODCOCK,  
Secretary.

Not.—The Western Division of the City lies  
to the West Tank Lane and Cleverly  
Street.  
Sanitary Board Office,  
1st December, 1903. [1459c]

THE FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION  
OF HONGKONG.

## NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IT is hereby notified that FIRE INSUR-  
ANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the  
transaction of Public Business TO-MORROW  
and SATURDAY, the 1st and 2nd January,  
respectively.

By Order,  
A. R. LOWE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 31st December, 1903. [1568c]

## NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with the Provisions of Ord-  
inance No. 6 of 1875, the EXCHANGE  
BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of  
Public Business TO-MORROW and SATUR-  
DAY, the 1st and 2nd January, 1904, respec-  
tively.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1903. [1561c]

## NOTICE.

AN OLD ALLEMANIAN DINNER will  
be held on WEDNESDAY, the 13th  
JANUARY, 1904, at the HONGKONG HOTEL.  
The Undersigned will receive names of any  
Old Allemanians who have not yet been com-  
municated with.

H. ARTHUR,  
Care of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Hongkong, 30th December, 1903. [1564c]

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Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [1594c]



## IS THERE A YELLOW PERIL?

AN EXAMINATION OF THE GERMAN  
EMPEROR'S ROY.

From time to time some writer, catching up the Kaiser's idea, weaves an artistic picture of the long robed, and long-haired Oriental surging in a dusky flood of protest against the modern close-cropped, stiff-collared, invaders from the West. The Orient, with its warmth, its colouring, its scenic splendour and display, its antiquity, its legends and its wealth of poetic association, appeals strongly to the imagination, and reason is sometimes entrapped all unawares by the imagery of this glowing East rising in just indignation to avenge its real or fancied wrongs at the hands of an unsympathetic and oppressing Occident, and we are warned that there is at this very time a secret but none the less real and serious combination of forces in process which aims at the final and complete overthrow of Western supremacy, and the revival of Oriental Power. The subject, says a writer in the *Singapore Free Press*, is one on which eloquence may well thrive and rhetoric and metaphor wax strong; but argument needs something more than poetic ideal to feed on, and the theory of a detached and individual Orient has, if we mistake not, no substantial foundation. The qualities which caused the East to slowly and surely fall a victim to Occidental conquest or intrusion, are still there, and are the very qualities which must operate against any effective attempt to undo in the future what it was unable to prevent in the past. Lack of cohesion and absence of ideal are two of the most prominent of these missing qualifications, the one being in large measure dependent on the other. The Occident has for ever a standard of ideal before it for attainment, which is continually adjusting itself to modern requirements and all sorts and conditions of men direct their whole energies to compelling for the nearest possible approach to these ideals, whether it be in religion, art, science or commercial supremacy. The Orient, on the other hand, keep their eyes on a fixed and unalterable standard in the far distant past and altogether out of harmony with their present life. The inevitable result of this is that the more enlightened quickly recognise the discrepancy, and casting off from the inadequate past have nothing else to lay hold on, and the element of unity and foundation of strength is at once destroyed. Japan may be said to have reversed the Oriental attitude, and as a nation to have performed a *volte face* using her past merely as a stepping stone for her future. But there is no indication whatever that other Asiatic Powers are following in her footsteps, and, if history still repeats itself, the small countries of the East will be absorbed by the great powers of the West.

## "BARBER" LINE OF STEAMERS

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

S.S. "CHARLES TIBERGHIE,"  
FROM NEW YORK.  
CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.  
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st January will be subject to rent.  
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 5th January, or they will not be recognized.  
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.  
Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [15556]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship  
"GABRIC."  
The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.  
Cargo impeding discharge and undelivered by WEDNESDAY, the 30th instant, at 10 A.M., will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.  
J. STUART THOMSON,  
Acting Agent.  
Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [15556]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## "GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO',  
LONDON AND STRAITS.

## THE Steamship

## "GLENLOCHY."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.  
Goods not cleared by the 2nd January will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the steamer's arrival, after which no claims will be recognized.  
McGREGOR BROS. & CO.,  
Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [15556]

## Consignees.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.  
NORDEUTSCHER HAMBURG-AMERIKA  
LOYD. LINIE.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## THE Steamship

"BAVERN,"  
of the NORDEUTSCHER LOYD,  
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.  
Optimal Cargo will be forwarded, unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 A.M., TO-DAY, the 29th December.  
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 31st December, will be subject to rent.  
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 31st December, at 10 A.M.  
All Claims must reach us before the 5th January, 1904, or they will not be recognized.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.  
NORDEUTSCHER LOYD,  
MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [15556]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## THE P. &amp; O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"MAZAGON,"  
FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.  
Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.  
This vessel brings on Cargo—  
From Persian Gulf, ex B.I.S.N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.  
From Alleppey, ex S.S. *Nawab*.  
Goods not cleared by the 2nd January, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.  
Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.  
All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized.  
No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.  
E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [4]

## S.S. "POLYNESEAN"

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London  
by S.S. *Memphis* and *Charante*, from  
London, via Suez, and from Bordeaux  
via Suez, in connection  
with the above-named vessels, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.  
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st January will be subject to rent.  
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 5th January, or they will not be recognized.  
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.  
Hongkong, 30th December, 1903. [15556]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship  
"GREGORY APCAR,"  
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.  
Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.  
Cargo remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the 1st January will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited.  
Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to make IMMEDIATE DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.  
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LIMITED,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 30th December, 1903. [15556]

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,  
SHIPCHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS,  
COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS,  
NAVAL CONTRACTORS  
AND GENERAL COMMISSION  
AGENTS,  
16, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL,  
HONGKONG.  
SOAP AND SODA MANUFACTURERS.

SOLE AGENTS FOR  
HARTMANN'S RAHTIEN'S GENUINE  
H. COMPOSITION RED HAND  
BRAND, HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT,  
DAIMLER'S PATENT MOTOR  
LAUNCHES,  
&c., &c., &c.

Sole Agents for  
FERGUSON'S SPECIAL CREAM  
and  
P. & O. SPECIAL LIQUOR SCOTCH  
WHISKY, &c.  
EVERY KIND OF  
SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES  
ALWAYS IN STOCK  
AT  
REASONABLE PRICES.  
McGREGOR BROS. & CO.,  
Hongkong, 15th December, 1903. [15556]

## Intimations.

YOU WILL NOT BE DECEIVED.  
That there are cheats and frauds in plenty everybody knows; but it is seldom or never that any large business house is guilty of them, no matter what line of trade it follows. There can be no permanent success of any kind based on dishonesty or deception. There never was, and never will be. The men who try that are simply fools and soon come to grief—as they deserve. Now many persons are, nevertheless, afraid to buy certain advertised articles lest they be humbugged and deluded; especially are they slow to place confidence in published statements of the merits of medicines. The effective remedy known as

WAMPOLE'S PREPARATION  
is as safe and genuine an article to purchase as flour, silk or cotton goods from the mills of manufacturers with a world-wide reputation. We could not afford to exaggerate its qualities or misrepresent it in the least; and it is not necessary. It is palatable as honey and contains the nutritive and curative properties of Pure Cod Liver Oil, extracted by us from fresh cod livers, combined with the Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites and the Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry; and how valuable such a blending of these important medicinal agents must be to plain everybody. It is beyond price in Anemia, Scrofula, Weakness and lack of Nervous Tone, Wasting Diseases, Bronchitis, La Grippe, Lung Troubles, and Impurities of the Blood. Science can furnish nothing better—perhaps nothing so good. Dr. W. H. Dalglish, of Canada, says: "I have used it in my practice and take pleasure in recommending it as a valuable tonic and reconstructive. It is a remedy that can afford to appeal to its record and represents the science and knowledge of bright and aggressive medical investigation. Effective from the first dose. 'You cannot be disappointed in it.' Like all good things it is initiated. Sold by chemists throughout the world and A. S. Watson & Co., Limited."

THE  
ROBINSON  
PIANO  
CO. LTD.

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XMAS GIFT  
GIVES SUCH GREAT AND PER-  
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Pay PART Cash and Balance—  
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VICTOR TALKING  
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absolute reproduction of the human voice.  
Songs by the Best Singers,  
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SPECIAL OFFER  
at this Season.

PAY for the Records now and for the  
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PIANOS:

Magnificent instruments at specially  
Low Prices during Xmas week. Do not fail  
to inspect our stock if you wish to make a  
handsome gift.

Our NEW STOCK OF MUSIC  
has arrived.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [4750]

MEE CHEUNG,  
PHOTOGRAPHER,  
TOP FLOOR OF ICE HOUSE, 17  
Ice House Road.

IS now in a position, in his New and Com-  
modious Premises, to eclipse, as heretofore,  
ALL PHOTOGRAPHIC ART PRACTICE  
in the Colony or in any part of the Far East.  
GROUPS AND VIEWS  
a speciality.  
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1903. [4550]

NOTICE.  
THE Public are hereby informed that no  
change has been made in the Rates of  
Subscription to the *Hongkong Telegraph* and  
they are warned against paying more than  
TEN CENTS (10 cts.) per Single Copy.  
THE MANAGER,  
HONGKONG TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 30th September, 1903.

## Intimation.

## THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

1, ICE HOUSE ROAD,  
HONGKONG.

CABLE ADDRESS.—Telegraph, Hongkong.

THE leading English Newspaper in China  
Also widely circulated in Japan, Ceylon,  
China, Ceylon, India and the Far East  
generally.

A daily newspaper with weekly edition  
published for despatch by the homeward mail  
The daily is recommended as more generally  
suitable, except for subscribers in Europe or  
America.

A special feature is made of full and accu-  
rate reports of local occurrences, and of mat-  
ters of general interest.

## ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT.

The *Hongkong Telegraph* is the best  
medium for advertising in China. It circulates  
largely among all classes of the community,  
is the largest daily newspaper and has a  
wider circulation than any journal in the Far  
East.

Special attention given to effectively display-  
ing advertisements.

The type used as a standard for setting,  
advertisements is similar to this, unless we are  
instructed to display the advertisement, when  
any effective style of type will be adopted.  
This standard runs exactly eight lines to the  
inch, and about eight words to the line.

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(per inch.)

One week.....	2.84
One month.....	7.10
Two months.....	13.00
Three .....	20.00
Six .....	37.50
Twelve .....	73.00
No charge less than one dollar.	
Discount allowed on—	
3 Months Contracts.....	5 per cent.
6 .....	10 ..
12 .....	25 ..

## DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

Notices of Births, Deaths, and Marriages  
\$2 each insertion in the Daily and Weekly.

## CONTRACT ADVERTISEMENTS.

Special Rates for standing advertisements  
can be ascertained from the Manager.

Advertisements for the Daily should reach  
the *Hongkong Telegraph* Office not later than  
noon of the day they are intended to appear.  
Unless otherwise specified all advertisements  
will be repeated and charged for until counter-  
manded.

## JOB PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

Job Printing of all descriptions undertaken.

## PROGRAMMES.

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All job printing is done under European  
supervision, well turned out free from errors,  
and remarkably cheap at  
THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH  
OFFICE.

Estimates given for all classes of work on  
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## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
KINSHU MARU .....	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO .....	WEDNESDAY, 6th Jan., at Noon.
NIKKO MARU .....	SYDNEY, MELBOURNE and ADELAIDE, VIA MANILA, THURSDAY, 22nd January.	
E. W. Haswell .....	DAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE .....	

\* Through Passenger Tickets issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers. Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Moll and Kobe, 1st and 2nd Class Through Passengers have the Option of Travelling by the Sanyo Railway.

For further Information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Building, 1st Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA

Manager.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1903.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR  
TRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA  
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN  
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND  
LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for HATTAI,  
PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERI-  
CAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.)  
H. E. Steamship

"SIMLA,"  
Captain F. R. Summers, carrying His Majesty's  
Mails, will be despatched from this for  
BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 2nd January,  
at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the  
above Ports.  
Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France  
and Ten for London (under arrangement) will  
be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer  
proceeding direct in Marseilles and London  
other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed  
via Bombay.  
Parcels will be received at this Office until  
5 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and  
Value of all Packages are required.  
Shippers are particularly requested to note  
the terms and conditions of the Company's  
Bills of Lading.  
For further Particulars, apply to  
E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 21st December, 1903. [4]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.  
BOSTON TOW-BOAT COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG,  
VIA  
SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN,  
KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,  
FOR VICTORIA, B.C. AND TACOMA,  
IN CONNECTION WITH  
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY  
COMPANY.

Steamers.	Tons.	Captains.	1903-04.
<i>Lynx</i> .....	4,417	G. V. Williams	Jan. 20
<i>Olympia</i> .....	2,8	A. Dixon	Feb. 11
<i>Shawmut</i> .....	9,606	W. M. Smith	Feb. 19
<i>Tacoma</i> .....	2,812	M. Ridley	Feb. 26
<i>Victoria</i> .....	3,502	J. Truebridge	Mar. 16

† Cargo only.  
Steamers marked (\*) have no second-class  
passenger accommodation.  
The attention of passengers is directed to  
the very cheap rates offered by this line to the  
Pacific Coast and to the Interior and Eastern  
Cities of the United States and to Europe.  
Special rates allowed to members of Govern-  
ment Services.  
Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific  
Coast Ports and to the Principal Cities in the  
United States and Canada.  
For further information as to Freight or  
Passage, apply to  
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [15740]

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above  
Company are prepared to accept, first  
CLASS FOREIGN AND CHINESE RISKS at  
CURRENT RATES.  
SIEMSEN & Co.  
Hongkong, 18th May 1903. [15740]

To be Let.  
TO LET.

FIRST and SECOND FLOORS of No. 34,  
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, opposite the  
GENERAL POST OFFICE, after MARCH 31st,  
1904, at present occupied by Messrs. POWELL  
& CO. and the COSMOPOLITAN HOUSE. This  
House is especially suitable for people who are  
seeking places for Hotel purposes.  
Please apply to—  
YEE SANG FAT,  
at the above Address.  
Hongkong, 29th December, 1903. [15750]

## Hotel.

KING EDWARD  
HOTEL.

A HIGH CLASS PRIVATE HOTEL.

LADIES' AFTERNOON TEA ROOMS.

PRIVATE BAR

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BILLIARD ROOMS.

Hot and Cold Water throughout.

Electrically Lighted.

Electric Fans (if required).

Electric Passenger Elevator to each Floor.

Table D' Hote at Separate Tables.

For Terms, &amp;c., apply to the

MANAGER.

Telephone, 25-1 (2 lines); 1902. [11100]

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FOR SALE.

HEATH'S PATENT HEZZANITH  
BELL SEXTANTS.  
Other Makers: HUGHES, CARY & PORTER,  
&c., to be sold cheap.  
Apply—

"BOX,"  
C/o Hongkong Telegraph Office,  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [15550]

FOR SALE.

INCANDESCENT  
GASOLINE

LAMPS

OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS,  
from the best makers.INCANDESCENT  
MANTLES,ORIMNEYS,  
GLOBES,  
SHADES, &c.,  
for  
GASOLINE AND GAS

LAMP'S

at the most moderate  
prices.Lamps fixed up for  
Buyers free of charge.Naphtha of the best  
kind kept in stock.TAEWONG CO.,  
56, Lyndhurst Terrace,  
Hongkong, 1st December, 1903. [15750]

## THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY

TRADE MARK

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## Intimations.



ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED.

## PORT

- B.—OLD VINTAGE, super.  
for quality, Red Capsule \$16.00 \$1.40
- C.—FINE OLD VINTAGE  
superior quality, Black  
Seal Capsule 20.00 1.70
- D.—VERY FINE OLD VIN-  
TAGE, extra superior, (old  
bottled), Violet Capsule 27.00 2.25

Note.—Port, after removal, should be  
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Wine required for IMMEDIATE use  
should be ordered to be decanted before  
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These Wines are specially suited for  
Invalids and general use, and are too well  
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A. S. WATSON & Co.,  
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WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

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CABLE ADDRESS: "ACHEE," HONGKONG.  
A. B. C. CODE, 4TH EDITION.

ESTABLISHED 1859.

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祥利廣  
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DEALERS.

DRAWING-ROOM,  
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ELECTRO-PLATED,  
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CHINA WARES.

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COOKING, and  
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GOOD WORK.

PROMPT RETURN.

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CARMICHAEL AND  
CLARKE,

CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND

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REPAIRS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

TELEGRAMS: "CARMICHAEL," Hongkong.

A. B. C. Code, 4th Edition.

A. 1 Code.

Lieber's Standard Code.

TELEPHONE, 232.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1903.

THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer  
made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

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five cents.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DEC. 31, 1903.

### LOOKING BACK.

Though unable to enter at length into  
the important events associated with the  
progress of Hongkong during the year fast  
drawing to a close, it is as well to glance  
back over the past twelve months and again  
record a few of the many changes that con-  
tribute another page to the annals of our

Colony. The meeting of the Legislative  
Council, on the 19th November, over which  
Sir Henry Blake presided, practically saw  
the close of his Excellency's administration  
in Hongkong; and if the legislative enact-  
ments of the Government during this year  
have not been very numerous one of them  
has been undoubtedly important. The ear-  
liest and most notable measure that the  
Legislative Council was called upon to deal  
with was a legacy from the previous year—  
the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance.

The main points of the measure provide  
for the better ventilation and, consequently,  
the better sanitation of buildings erected or  
to be erected, by preventing the excessive  
height of buildings, the insanitary con-  
struction of kitchens, the erection of cubicles  
and verandahs over footways and by the  
provision of better window space. Legisla-  
tion was also introduced in the Bill as to  
rats and as to the resumption of insanitary  
properties on payment of compensation. Certain  
amendments in this Ordinance were deemed  
necessary, principally on the recom-  
mendation of the Sanitary Board, and an  
amending ordinance was passed last month,  
while a sub-committee of the Board appointed  
to consider what further amendments were  
advisable have just submitted another report  
to the authorities on the matter. The crucial  
question as affecting the commerce and  
trade of the port remains as yet unsolved.

The action of the majority of members of  
the Chamber of Commerce in the recom-  
mendation to the Secretary of State for the  
Colonies, for a commission of inquiry into  
the currency question as affecting Hong-  
kong, was not, as might have been ex-  
pected supported by the Government. The  
Secretary of State, acting on the advice of  
the late Governor, Sir Henry Blake, refused  
the appointment of the commission asked for  
and, pending any action that may be advised  
by the American International Commission on  
currency reform for China, Hongkong remains  
in its unsatisfactory condition and sub-  
ject to all the vagaries of an unstable  
and uncertain exchange. It is instruc-  
tive to compare the financial position of  
the Colony to-day and that of the same  
time last year. From the comparative state-  
ment of the revenue and expenditure for the  
period ended 31st October last, the latest  
available, we gather that the actual revenue  
during the ten months was \$3,802,432.63,  
as against \$3,432,557.29 for the same period  
of the preceding year. To this has to be  
added interest on loans and other receipts,  
which for the ten months was \$1,277,277.27,  
as against \$1,277,277.27 for the same period  
of the preceding year. The total income, under  
the various heads, was \$5,079,710.00, as  
against \$4,709,834.56 for the same period  
of the preceding year. The total expenditure  
for the ten months was \$4,364,000.00, as  
against \$4,364,000.00 for the same period  
of the preceding year. The result was a  
total decrease, under various headings, of  
\$1,152,601.78, including \$491,364.25, Public  
Works, extraordinary, \$629,900.28, misce-  
laneous services, and \$24,265.06, Public  
Works, recurrent. On the 31st October there  
was a total balance in hand of \$372,418.25,  
\$350,875.94 being in Hongkong and \$21,  
542.31 with the Crown Agents. The revenue,  
which in 1898, was \$2,784,840, was estimated  
for the current year at \$4,583,295, and in the  
estimates for 1904, including the largely in-  
creased tender for the Opium farm, it is  
stated at \$6,208,308. Many improvements  
in all directions have been made, and im-  
portant works commenced, during the year.  
There are the reclamations on both sides of  
the harbour, the docks being erected by the  
Naval Authorities and at Quarry Bay, the  
huge water works in the New Territory and  
the initial works for the reservoir at Tytan

Tuk; while the new Law Courts, Western  
Market, Harbour Office, hospitals and other  
building have been either terminated or  
began during the year. It is hardly  
necessary to state that, during the twelve  
months under review the sister Services  
—the Navy and Army—have upheld the  
proud traditions handed down to them  
from the past. The Home Government's  
appreciation of our Commodore's services  
has manifested itself in his promotion to the  
rank of Rear-Admiral and, an equally  
meritorious distinction was conferred on  
Major-General Sir W. J. Gascoigne, K.C.M.G.,  
the magnitude of whose task and respon-  
sibilities was not easily realised by those  
unacquainted with the administration of  
military affairs. His departure from the  
Colony, in September last, was viewed with  
regret by all members of the community,  
and it is probable that his successor,  
Major-General Villiers Hutton, C.M.G., will  
enjoy the same popularity as his predeces-  
sor. As the year closes and the stormy  
clouds of war gather thicker on the political  
horizon, the momentous question in the  
minds of all is, what would be the effect on  
the interests of our Colony in event of an  
outbreak of hostilities in the North. When it  
is considered that, by our treaty with one of  
the Powers and our interests in the future  
struggle the nation is likely to be drawn into  
the vortex this problem is fraught with potent  
menace. However, let us hope that the  
coming year will bring the dawn of a  
peaceful settlement of international difficul-  
ties, and that at the close of 1904 another  
successful twelve months will mark the pro-  
gress of Britain's part of the Orient.

REMARKABLE disappearances are common at  
present, nor are they confined to human beings.  
Lake Shirwa, which occupies quite a respect-  
able place on the map of Africa, has ceased to  
be, thereby adding to the land surface of the  
British Empire, for Shirwa was in the Central  
Africa Protectorate.

THE Singapore Press tells this story as  
true.—A Treasury official was giving luncheon  
to a brother official from the Audit Office.  
"Black coffee?" asked the former. "Good,  
heavens, no!" cried the other. "Why, if I were  
to drink a drop of coffee at this hour of the day  
I shouldn't get a wink of sleep all the weary  
afternoon."

A LEAGUE match will be played on the Par-  
sonage Cricket ground, at Happy Valley, on  
Saturday the 2nd prox., against the Hongkong  
C.C. "A" team. The following will play for  
the Parsonage.—R. B. Cooper (Captain), J. M.  
Master, K. D. Mistry, B. K. Mehta, J. A.  
Ching, J. H. Rutenjee, J. Naria, J. Mehta,  
D. R. Captain, M. D. Vania, and C. B.  
Mowbray.

We feel ourselves allies to England by many  
common ideas, sentiments, and interests. It  
has long been said among ourselves, and the  
saying has become common place from being  
true, that France and Great Britain march  
together at the head of civilisation. To-day it  
would be discountenanced not to make room for  
others; but the recollection of the past remains  
just the same.—*Journal des Debats.*

By kind permission of Major Radcliff and  
officers the Band of the 93rd Burma Infantry  
will play at the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday  
evening from 8 to 9.30.

THE revenue of Negri Sembilan for 1904 is  
estimated at \$2,187,143. The outlay is put at  
\$2,278,848.

EVERY fire station in Berlin has now been  
equipped with an oxygen apparatus to revive  
persons overcome by smoke or heat.

THE Quartermaster General (Sir Ian Hamilton)  
has notified that in future all frozen mutton  
supplied to the Army shall be from British  
colonies.

THERE will be a special "Watch Night"  
service in St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road  
West, this evening, commencing at 11 o'clock.  
All are invited.

BURGLARS at Penang broke into the criminal  
prison the other day. Now comes news that a  
burglar has been caught in the detective station  
itself. Sixty detectives were asleep at the time.

THE Norwegian s.s. *Gaea* has been chartered  
at Bangkok at a very low rate—\$3,700 per  
month. This is a striking change from the  
state of things last year when \$7,000 and \$8,000  
was being paid.

THE memorial in favour of Mr. G. E. J. Edalji,  
the solicitor who was sentenced at Stafford  
Quarter Sessions recently to seven years' pen-  
al servitude, in connection with a Great  
Wyrley maiming case, has been signed by  
10,000 persons of all ages, including 250 of the  
leading solicitors and firms in the Midlands.

THE steamer *Peliana* (1,821 tons) with a  
cargo of bulk oil from Borneo, went ashore on  
Point Nepean, Melbourne, on Nov. 28th. The  
crew, 28 Chinese and Malays, were taken off  
to the quarantine station at Portsea, under the  
Immigration Restriction Act. Capt. Kerr and  
his wife also landed. The 4,000 cases of gaso-  
line, benzine, and motor-car oil will not be  
saved.

THE mists of uncertainty still hang heavily  
over the political situation in the Far East, and  
among them flocks of *canards* rise and fly,  
quacking loudly in the ears of a nervous world.  
These fearful wildfowl are strong on the wing,  
says the *P. M. G.*, and the longer the nego-  
tiations between Russia and Japan go on with-  
out result the louder and more confusing grow  
their voices in the light.

WE learn that further important detections of  
famous counterfeit currency have been made.  
The lottery farmer at Bangkok seems to have  
suffered heavily, and Sam Peng locality is said  
to be flooded with the spurious notes. Owners  
of pawnshops are also victims to a large extent,  
as well as some Indian merchants. All busi-  
ness people are on their guard, and compel  
those who pay in suspicious looking notes to  
have them endorsed. In one instance this wise  
precaution proved successful. A European  
business man on receiving payment from an  
Indian merchant, suspected that one too good  
note was not genuine, so he asked the owner  
to sign it which request was complied with. On  
its being presented at the local bank it was  
proved to be a counterfeit, and retained.

COMMENTING upon the dollar difficulty in  
Penang the *Straits Times* says:—It should be  
noted that the Penang Chinese Chamber of  
Commerce threshed out the subject before  
deciding to petition Government. The petition  
asked for permission to export \$1,000,000 in  
Straits currency dollars to Acheen and other  
foreign ports, in order to facilitate trade and  
enable merchants in those places to make  
payments to Penang in dollars, as hitherto. It  
was remarked during the discussion that, under  
present conditions, the pepper trade with  
Acheen ran a risk of extinction in consequence  
of the prohibition of import and export of coin  
now in force at Penang. The possibility of the  
Dutch port, Sabang Bay, benefiting at the  
expense of Penang was mentioned, and unless  
something is done it would appear likely that  
the above mentioned coaling and trading port  
may become a very keen competitor with  
Penang.

COMMENTING on the war rumours in Singapore  
the local *Times* says:—In accordance with his  
usual practice, the Acting Governor of the Colony  
has arranged to spend the Christmas vacation  
at Penang. His Excellency proposes to leave  
Singapore to-morrow (22nd inst.) afternoon, and  
journey north by the Government yacht, the  
*Siamew*. In view, however, of the critical news  
that is continually being received about the  
 Russo-Japanese negotiations, it is possible that  
the visit may have to be postponed at the last  
minute. It would be exceedingly desirable,  
should the two nations resort to the arbitrament  
of war, that the head of the Government in the  
 Straits Settlements should be resident in  
Singapore, in order that he might deal with the  
 numerous international questions that are  
 almost certain to arise. It does not seem, how-  
 ever, that His Excellency places too much im-  
 portance on the telegrams that are being  
 received here on the situation, because all  
 arrangements have been completed for the trip  
 to Penang. The Acting Governor does not  
 expect to return to Singapore until nearly the  
 end of January. Meanwhile the direction of  
 the affairs of the Government in Singapore will  
 be committed to the care of the Acting Colonial  
 Secretary, Mr. K. R. S. S. S.

THE British Embassy has furnished the State  
Department with evidence against crimps at  
San Francisco, where 638 desertions have oc-  
curred from 64 British vessels carrying 1,778  
men. The Commissioner of Navigation sug-  
gests legislation by Congress requiring that  
the British Consul should be put on the execu-  
tive committee of the Sailors' Home, which is  
allotted to be the headquarters of the abuse.

M. BRUNAT of Shanghai, while recently in  
France, succeeded in effecting a loan of three  
million francs for the French Municipal  
Council of that port. This, says the *N. C.*  
*Daily News*, will enable the Council to pay  
off the advances it has received from local  
banks at local rates of interest, the repayment  
of which these banks have been constantly  
urging. The new loan has been obtained from  
the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, and the Com-  
mercial Industrial and Colonial Bank of  
Lyons.

THE *Avanti*, a Socialist newspaper, at Rome,  
states that the captain of the Russian cruiser  
*Aurora* while at Spezia recently asked the  
local authorities for permission to execute  
within the harbour a seaman who had been  
found guilty of striking a superior officer. The  
request was refused, whereupon the cruiser  
left the port. According to the *Avanti*, the  
man was executed on the high sea in circum-  
stances of great barbarity, the poor wretch  
being keelhaunched. He was tied to a cable,  
which was then passed under the ship's keel  
three times, it was not until the third time that  
the man was pronounced dead.

IT is believed in some quarters in the Nether-  
lands-Indies that there is a bright future in  
store for the port of Sabang owing to the fact  
that the mail steamers have made it a regular  
port of call. They hope great things from the  
Deli tobacco trade, which they think will be  
turned into that direction because of greater  
facility of shipment there. In Holland they  
were not very hopeful of Sabang's future before  
the recent crisis in the pepper trade came  
about owing to the inability of Penang mer-  
chants to ship dollars to Acheen; but the *Deli*  
*Courant* ridicules the pessimism of the people  
at home and estimates as regards tobacco  
alone fully 60 to 70,000 bales will be shipped  
from Sabang next season.

THE S. S. "EMMA LUYKEN"  
CLAIM IN COURT.

At the Supreme Court this morning, before  
the Puisne Judge, His Honour A. G. Wise, the  
Hanselische Dampfer Compagnie obtained  
judgment against Messrs. We Fat Sing and Co.  
for the sum of \$594.44 and costs, being balance  
of the hire of the s.s. *Emma Luyken* under a  
charter party, dated 11th March last. Mr. H. G.  
Gedge, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master,  
appeared for the plaintiffs, and defendants were  
unrepresented in Court. A shipping-clerk in  
the East Asiatic Trading Co., agents for the  
plaintiffs, proved the claim, and judgment was  
given as above.

SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held  
this afternoon in the Board Room. Present:—  
The President (Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson,  
P.C.M.O.), Hon. W. Chatham, (D.P.W.), Mr.  
Ahmet Rumjahn, Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Mr. Fung  
Wa Chun, Mr. E. A. Hewett, Dr. Pearce  
(Acting M. O. H.), Dr. Barnett (Assistant M.  
O. H.), Col. Webb, Captain Lyons, Hon. A. W.  
Brewin, (Registrar General) and Mr. G. A.  
Woodcock, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meetings were  
confirmed.

"EXTERNAL AIR."

Mr. Hewett, pursuant to notice, asked:—  
(1) With regard to the discussion which  
took place at the meeting of the Sanitary Board  
on the 17th inst. as to the definition of  
"External Air" will the President be good enough  
to lay before the Board a memorandum showing  
the difference which exists between the defini-  
tion as put forward by the sub-committee and  
adopted by the Sanitary Board and that now  
embodied in the Bill entitled an Ordinance to  
amend the Public Health and Buildings Or-  
dinance of 1903 (No. 1 of 1903), and passed at  
the Legislative Council meeting on the 14th  
inst.?

The President replied:—The Public Health  
and Buildings Amendment Ordinance defini-  
tion of "external air" differs from the Board's  
definition of "external air" in the following  
respects:—  
(1) The Public Health and Buildings Amend-  
ment Ordinance definition requires the open  
spaces in all cases to be 13 feet wide and to  
extend parallel to the building for at least five  
feet.

(2) The Board's definition allows an open  
space which extends along the side of *existing*  
and *new* buildings to count if it extends three-  
fifths of the depth of the building, and is 12  
feet wide.

(3) The Board's definition allows a street  
8 feet wide in front of an *existing* building and  
an open space which extends continuously along  
the side of the building and is eight feet wide  
to count external air.

THE attached diagrams will explain clearly  
the difference between the two definitions.

2. This question is answered by diagram  
(2) on the table.

Mr. Pollock, pursuant to notice, was to  
ask:—

(1) Will you state how many houses (ap-  
proximately) there are in the city of Victoria?  
Will you also state how many houses (ap-  
proximately) in the city of Victoria will require  
exemption by the Governor in Council, under  
the definition of "external air" which appears  
in section 2 of Ordinance No. 23 of 1903?  
Will you also state how many houses (ap-  
proximately) in the city of Victoria have windows  
fronting on lanes which are less than 13 feet in  
width?

(2) Is it not the fact that the dimension of  
13 feet was inserted in the definition of  
"external air" in Ordinance 1 of 1903 because  
there was a mistaken impression that every  
third house would be pulled down and would  
thus enable every cubic to be lighted by  
lateral windows opening into a space thirteen  
feet wide? If you contend that the above is  
not the fact, will you, please, state how the  
said dimension of 13 feet came to be fixed  
upon in the said definition, and will you also  
please refer me to any speech, document  
or paper, in support of your contention?

In reference to these questions, which were  
put before the Board by Mr. Hewett, in the  
absence of Mr. Pollock, the Hon. W. Chatham  
stated that, before replying, he desired to men-  
tion that he was there as an ordinary member  
of the Board, and no other member of the  
Board had any right to give notice of a ques-  
tion in the form this had been done. At the  
same time he hoped that he would always be  
found willing to impart any information that  
was within his power to give to members of  
the Board, in connection with matters that  
might be of interest.

He then replied at length, and his answer  
will be printed in our next issue.

BUILDING NUISANCES.

Mr. Rumjahn, pursuant to notice, asked:—  
(1) With reference to the answer given at  
the last meeting to my question No. 4, will the  
Vice-President be pleased to quote the section  
(if any) in the Public Health and Buildings  
Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, under which he, as the  
building authority, is empowered to authorize  
sanitary inspectors to enter and inspect domestic  
buildings for the purpose of ascertaining the  
existence or otherwise of "building nuisances?"

(2) Will the secretary be pleased to state  
under which of the provisions of the Public  
Health and Buildings Ordinance, No. 1 of  
1903, or, under what authority, notices for the  
abatement of "building nuisances" are being  
made out in the office of the Sanitary Board  
instead of the office of the building authority?

(3) Will the secretary be pleased to state  
under what authority or standing order (if any)  
sanitary inspectors are engaged in serving  
notices for the abatement of "building nuis-  
ances" and in attending the police court to  
prove the existence of such nuisances, on be-  
half of the building authority?

The President replied:—

1. Section 227 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1903.  
2. and 3. No authority is required for the  
making out of notices or for the service of such.  
The making out and service of notices by the  
Sanitary Department are inter-departmental  
arrangements.

The Acting M. O. H. minutes:—Under Or-  
dinance 13 of 1901 there were many matters  
dealt with by the Sanitary Boards officers which,  
on the passing of the present Ordinance, were  
transferred from the Public Health section of  
the Ordinance (Part II) to the Building section  
(Part III). When it was discovered that the  
Board had no power to take action with regard  
to many matters *i.e.* backyards, window area,  
cubicles, with which it had previously con-  
cerned itself, and to which the sanitary in-  
spectors had all along been giving their atten-  
tion as being part of their routine work, it  
became necessary to come to some agreement  
with the Building authority on the matter  
it was decided that the sanitary inspectors  
should still continue to inspect their districts  
in the same manner as before, but that the  
legal notices with regard to any nuisances  
reported by the inspectors should be issued  
under the hand of the Building authority.

MARKET PRICES.

Respecting an application for the renewal of  
a licence to sell fresh pork at 18, West Street,  
Mr. A. Rumjahn minutes:—It must be ad-  
mitted that market accommodation is not  
sufficiently provided for the needs of the  
Colony—hence prices of food are ever on the  
increase. If more licences are granted there  
would be a greater chance to lower down the  
prices.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUE.

American (Hongkong Maru) to-morrow.

English (Bengal) 2nd prox.

Canadian (Athenian) 5th prox.

German (Klantschou) 5th prox.

Indian (Arratoon Apear) 5th prox.

German (Sachsen) 8th prox.

Indian (Laisang) 10th prox.

American (China) 10th prox.

American (Doric) 19th prox.

The Apear Co's s.s. *Arratoon Apear* from  
Calcutta left Singapore for this port yesterday,  
afternoon.

The Shire Line s.s. *Flintshire* left Shanghai  
this morning, and is due here on Sunday  
morning.

The Java-China-Japan Lijn s.s. *Tjimakli* left  
Moji for this port on 29th inst., and may be  
expected here on 3rd prox.

The C. N. Co's s.s. *Sungliang* left Manila  
for this port on 30th inst., and is expected to  
arrive here on 2nd prox., at daylight.

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## TELEGRAMS.

## "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

## Opium for China.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

BOMBAY, 31st December.

The P. & O. Co.'s mail steamer left Bombay yesterday evening with about 600 chests of Malwa opium. Prices are:—

Malwa (New) ... Rs. 1,190
" (Old) ... 1,310
" (Older) ... 1,400
" (Oldest) ... 1,500

(Reuter's.)

## The War Cloud.

LONDON, 29th December.

Russia has ordered lbs. 1,500,000 of mess meat from Cudahy & Co., South Omaha, and lbs. 1,500,000 from Armour & Co., Kansas City, to be delivered in San Francisco by the end of January.

Reuter's Tokyo Agency wires that an extraordinary meeting of the Japanese Privy Council has approved of the issue of Emergency Ordinance; the Council purposes expediting work on the Seoul-Fusan railway and providing possible military expenses for the protection of the railway and other interests.

LATER.

The Russian orders for mess meat are part of an order for lbs. 3,000,000 given from Vladivostok to the agent of Gatz & Co.

Some of the English newspapers are urging the Government to unhesitatingly draw the sword for Japan should war break out; but the majority recommend calm and extreme watchfulness.

## AN AMERICAN AUCK.

THE DRINK FRENZY.

Immense excitement was created in Wellington Street last night by an American citizen, who, having drunk himself into a state of furious frenzy, was rushing about, armed with a bowie knife, with the evident intention of slaying whoever crossed his path. His run a-muck started in Jervois Street, in which thoroughfare he succeeded in stabbing a passing Chinaman in the arm. Turning into Wellington Street, he rushed into a boot-store and attacked one of the workmen, Wong Shing by name. The Celestial attempted to ward off the blow by raising his hand, but the keen weapon cut off one of his fingers and penetrated the right side of the neck, and an ugly wound was inflicted. Maddened at the sight of the blood, which stained his hand and dripped from his weapon, Shellen now rushed back to the street again in search of another victim. He was made to arrest him, and he was driven to buy a doorway, where he stood brandishing his weapon and defying his would-be capturers to come on. A large crowd quickly gathered, but in the face of the menacing attitude of the infuriated drunkard no one showed any decided desire to close with him. Whistles were sounded for the police and two constables were soon upon the scene. Constable Rutledge, with great presence of mind, struck the man on the arm, partially disabling him, and the police officers were able to rush in, secure, and disarm the madman. He fought, tooth and nail, and it was not without considerable difficulty that he was conducted to the Station. Wong Shing was transported to the Government Civil Hospital, where he arrived in a fainting condition owing to loss of blood. Fortunately the wounds were of a superficial character, and he was able to attend at the Magistrate's this morning as a witness. In reply to Mr. Sercombe Smith's interrogations, the prisoner, Al Shellen, a sailor from the *Queen Mary*, stated that he remembered nothing of the affair. Evidence was to the effect that the prisoner was drunk when arrested. In sentencing the prisoner to two months' gaol, the Magistrate remarked that it was fortunate for the accused that the injuries he had inflicted were of a slight nature.

## CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, 29th December.

FIRES IN CANTON.  
Canton has had several bad fires lately. Last week a fire burned upwards of fifty houses in the east part of the city. The Wesleyan Mission at Tsang Sha had a narrow escape. For a while it seemed certain that they must be burned. The fire, however, was stopped within a few doors of the mission buildings. In this fire four or five persons were burned. One fireman was injured and died.

On Sunday afternoon another fire occurred near Ng Sin Mun. This time the Baptist Mission buildings were in danger. Here too the fire burned a large number of houses.

The long spell of dry weather with the north wind and bright sunshine has dried everything and fires are very easily started. Fortunately the fires have occurred when there was comparatively little wind. Otherwise the damage done would have been very much greater.

## A MINT FOR KWANGSI.

A launch with a lighter from the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. brought a lot of machinery for a mint to Canton last week. This machinery has been landed on Honam and will sometime it is expected find its way to Kwangsi. The machinery is intended for a mint for the province of Kwangsi. There is a large quantity of it. Upwards of 100 tons have already arrived and still there is more to follow. I have not ascertained who has ordered the machinery. Perhaps the Viceroy thinks this would be a good way to quiet the province. But since there is a scarcity of money supply the Canton mint could turn out enough coin for both provinces. However, the thing is here. When it will get to Kwangsi or be set up and working is another thing.

## TAKOO SPORTS.

## TO-MORROW'S MEETING.

As already announced in our columns, the thirteenth annual athletic meeting will be held at Takoo to-morrow, the first race being timed to commence at 12.30 p.m. The names of upwards of 50 comp titors appear on the programme, and the eighteen events down for decision should provide some capital contests. The president of the meeting is Mr. D. R. Law, with whom is Mr. W. Murray Scott, as vice-president, Mr. D. Templeton, as chairman, and the following Committee: Messrs. A. McKirdy, K. Galloway, R. Aitken, W. C. Macpherson, F. E. Shuster, R. H. Stephenson, J. Lochhead, T. Grimshaw, J. D. Melvin, W. J. Hill, and T. Hoskins. Mr. A. Rodger will referee, and Messrs. W. Farmer, J. Rodgers, J. L. Andrew and R. Aitken are to judge the events. The time-keepers are Messrs. J. Blake and C. Lesbirel, and other officials are as follows:— Clerks of the Course; Messrs. W. J. Hill and R. Galloway; Handicappers: Messrs. T. Meek, T. Grimshaw, J. Gloyne, F. W. White and A. McKirdy; Stewards: Messrs. J. N. Harvie, D. Hoskins, W. Smith, A. Elly, T. Hoskins, J. Grosbie, and T. Grimshaw; Lap scorers: Messrs. F. W. White and A. R. Blake; Starter: Mr. F. E. Shuster; Hon. treasurer: Mr. J. D. Melvin; and Hon. secretary: Mr. R. H. Stephenson. The band of the 110th Mahratta Light Infantry will play during the afternoon and, at the conclusion of the sports, the prizes will be presented by Mrs. A. R. Fullerton.

Following is the programme of

## EVENTS.

12.30 p.m.—100 yards flat race, handicap (confined). 1st prize presented by Mr. W. Murray Scott. 2nd prize presented by Mr. W. Ramsay.

## FIRST HEAT.

H. Kennett ... Scratch
J. H. Hance ... 2 Yards
J. D. Danby ... 3 "
E. Humphreys ... 4 "
K. R. Macaskill ... 4 "
A. McKirdy ... 7 "
G. Grimble ... 8 "
T. Mullan ... 8 "

## SECOND HEAT.

D. Abbey ... Scratch
G. H. Edwards ... 1 Yard
C. C. Hickling ... 4 Yards
R. H. Stephenson ... 5 "
W. Bassford ... 8 "
W. Livesey ... 8 "
W. Waterspoon ... 8 "
J. Peche ... 10 "

2.10 p.m.—Two mile bicycle race. Open to all non-first prize winners. 1st prize presented by Messrs. McKirdy & Co. 2nd prize presented by Mr. J. N. Harvie.

L. T. Twomey ... Scratch
R. C. Wittchell ... 150 Yards
J. E. Sinclair ... 150 "
S. A. Marican ... 150 "
W. Waterspoon ... 150 "
H. S. Holmes ... 175 "
J. Christie ... 175 "
H. Palmer ... 175 "
J. Forbes ... 200 "
J. F. Remedios ... 200 "
C. Humphreys ... 200 "
T. Hoskins ... 200 "
F. K. Tata ... 220 "
R. Galloway ... 300 "
W. C. Macpherson ... 300 "

3.100 yards flat race (final).

4.1.20 p.m. 1/2 mile flat race, handicap. Open to China Sugar Refinery, Docks and V.R.C. 1st prize presented by Mr. Mok Koon Yuk, 2nd prize presented by Mr. T. Hoskins.

A. A. Park ... Scratch
J. D. Kinnaird ... 2 Yards
T. C. Gray ... 2 Yards
J. Wittchell ... 3 "
T. C. Pearce ... 3 "
J. P. Jordan ... 3 "
S. M. Gidley ... 6 "
H. W. Sayers ... 8 "
A. Marti ... 8 "
F. K. Tata ... 10 "
J. J. Watson ... 10 "
K. R. Macaskill ... 10 "
W. Waterspoon ... 12 "
T. Mullan ... 15 "
R. H. Stephenson ... 20 "
J. C. Crosbie ... 25 "
J. Peche ... 25 "

5.1.30 p.m.—2 mile bicycle race. Open to all comers. 1st prize presented by Mr. D. R. Law, 2nd prize presented by Mr. Yuen Hep.

A. McKirdy ... Scratch
L. T. Twomey ... 50 Yards
H. C. Austen ... 50 "
R. C. Wittchell ... 50 "
A. E. Alves ... 50 "
S. A. Marican ... 50 "
J. E. Sinclair ... 70 "
J. Christie ... 70 "
W. Waterspoon ... 80 "
H. S. Holmes ... 100 "
H. Palmer ... 100 "
J. Forbes ... 125 "
W. C. Macpherson ... 300 "
R. Galloway ... 300 "

6.1.50 p.m.—220 yards flat race. Handicap (confined). 1st prize presented by Dr. Steadman, Rennie &amp; Harston. 2nd prize presented by Mr. Ah Wing.

D. Abbey ... Scratch
J. H. Hance ... 3 Yards
G. H. Edwards ... 3 Yards
J. D. Danby ... 6 "
W. Turner ... 6 "
C. C. Hickling ... 8 "
E. Humphreys ... 8 "
K. R. Macaskill ... 8 "
W. Waterspoon ... 10 "
R. H. Stephenson ... 12 "
W. Bassford ... 14 "
W. Livesey ... 15 "
G. Grimble ... 15 "
T. Mullan ... 15 "
J. Peche ... 25 "

7.2.0 p.m.—High jump. Open to China Sugar Refinery, Docks and V.R.C. 1st prize presented by Mr. D. Templeton.

J. Wittchell ... L. Reese.
A. A. Park ... J. D. Danby.
T. C. Gray ... G. H. Edwards.

8.2.20 p.m.—1 mile bicycle race (confined). 1st prize presented by the Royal Exchange Assurance Corporation, 2nd prize presented by the cosmopolitan Dock Staff.

A. McKirdy ... Scratch
W. Waterspoon ... 75 Yards
H. Palmer ... 75 "
R. A. Ferguson ... 100 "
T. Hoskins ... 125 "
R. Galloway ... 125 "
T. Grimshaw ... 150 "
J. Peche ... 150 "
W. C. Macpherson ... 175 "

9.2.30 p.m.—Long jump (confined). Prize presented by Mr. H. T. Butterworth.

R. H. Stephenson ... G. H. Edwards.
K. R. Macaskill ... E. Humphreys.
J. W. Danby ... J. H. Hance.

10.2.50 p.m.—5 mile bicycle race (handicap). Open to all comers. 1st prize presented by Kowloon Dock Staff, 2nd prize presented by The London and Lancashire Fire Assurance Co. 3rd prize presented by The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

A. McKirdy ... Scratch
H. C. Austen ... 140 "
L. J. Twomey ... 140 "
R. C. Wittchell ... 175 Yards
A. E. Alves ... 125 "
A. Marican ... 125 "
J. Christie ... 140 "
J. E. Sinclair ... 140 "
H. S. Holmes ... 175 "
H. Palmer ... 175 "
W. Waterspoon ... 175 "
J. Forbes ... 200 "
W. C. Macpherson ... 300 "
T. Hoskins ... 300 "

11.3.20 p.m.—1/2 mile flat race. Handicap. Open to China Sugar Refinery, Docks and V.R.C. 1st prize presented by the V.R.C. 2nd prize presented by Mr. Jack Ah Tai.

J. D. Kinnaird ... Scratch
J. Wittchell ... 10 Yards
S. M. Gidley ... 15 "
T. E. Pearce ... 15 "
H. W. Sayers ... 15 "
J. P. Jordan ... 15 "
S. Moore ... 18 "
E. Humphreys ... 18 "
F. K. Tata ... 20 "
A. Marti ... 20 "
K. R. Macaskill ... 20 "
J. J. Watson ... 25 "
H. C. Austen ... 30 "
W. Waterspoon ... 30 "
A. McKirdy ... 40 "
W. Livesey ... 45 "
T. Mullan ... 45 "

12.3.30 p.m.—1 mile bicycle race (confined). Open to gentlemen from 30 years of age and upwards. 1st prize presented by The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. 2nd prize presented by Mr. Mok Koon Yuk.

A. McKirdy ... Scratch
T. Hoskins ... 200 Yards
R. A. Ferguson ... 200 "
T. Grimshaw ... 350 "
W. C. Macpherson ... 350 "

13.3.30 p.m.—Hurdle race (100 yards). 1st prize presented by Mr. D. Macdonald, 2nd prize presented by Mr. W. H. Howard.

A. A. Park ... Scratch
T. C. Gray ... 2 Yards
J. Wittchell ... 2 Yards
J. P. Jordan ... 3 "
S. M. Gidley ... 4 "
H. W. Sayers ... 4 "
J. H. Hance ... 5 "
F. K. Tata ... 6 "
A. McKirdy ... 8 "
W. Bassford ... 8 "
W. Andrews ... 10 "

14.3.50 p.m.—Veteran's race. 1 mile Bicycle. Handicap on merit. Open to all comers over 40 years of age. Prize presented by Mr. J. Blake.

W. G. Simpson ... Scratch
R. A. Ferguson ... 150 Yards
T. Hoskins ... 150 "
T. Grimshaw ... 150 yards.

15.4.0 p.m.—Ladies nomination race. 1st prize presented by The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. 2nd prize presented by Mr. A. R. Fullerton.

H. W. Sayers ... Scratch
J. Forbes ... 10 Yards
J. Watson ... 10 "
A. McKirdy ... Mrs. A. H. Wear
W. Livesey ... Miss Bella Vanstone
J. W. Adams ... Miss Grimble
W. Turner ... Mrs. Grimshaw
J. Gloyne ... Mrs. Gloyne
T. Grimshaw ... Mrs. Gloyne
F. W. White ... Miss White
R. H. Stephenson ... Mrs. Stephenson

16.4.10 p.m.—1 mile flat race, scratch. Open to all comers. 1st prize presented by the China Sugar Refinery Staff, 2nd prize presented by Messrs. G. Fenwick and Co. 3rd prize presented by Mr. Ah Poi.

J. Wittchell ... J. D. Danby.
T. E. Pearce ... J. D. Kinnaird
S. M. Gidley ... J. J. Watson
S. M. Moore ... A. McKirdy
J. P. Jordan ... W. C. Macpherson

17.4.30 p.m.—Visitors' race. One 1/2 p.m. confined to visitors only, "Non-racing costume." Prize presented by the Tai Koo Club.

18.4.40 p.m.—Consolation race. Prize presented by Mr. Ah Kam.

Champion Cup (Confined). To be decided on points, viz:—  
3 points for every 1st place  
2 " " " 2nd "  
1 " " " 3rd "  
Prize presented by Mr. J. H. Scott.

## HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

## A NEW CODE.

We have received from the Hongkong Observatory a new code of meteorological signals which comes into force at Hongkong on New Year's Day. They are the same as those at present in use at Shanghai, and will be hoisted on the mast beside the time-ball at Kowloon Point for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected. The signals are as follows:—

A cone point upwards indicates a typhoon to the North of the Colony.

A cone point upwards and drum below indicates a typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.

A drum indicates a typhoon to the East of the Colony.

A cone point downwards and drum below indicates a typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.

A cone point downwards indicates a typhoon to the South of the Colony.

A cone point downwards and ball below indicates a typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.

A ball indicates a typhoon to the West of the Colony.

A cone point upwards and ball below indicates a typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

## NIGHT SIGNALS.

Two lanterns hoisted vertically indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to veer.

Two lanterns hoisted horizontally indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to back.

The signals are repeated on the flagstaff of the Godown Company at Kowloon, and also, by day only, at the Harbour Office and on H. M.'s Receiving Ship.

## LOCAL STORM-WARNINGS.

The Colony itself is warned of approaching typhoons by means of the Typhoon Gun placed at the foot of the mast, which is fired whenever a strong gale of wind is expected to blow here.

## SPECIAL INQUIRIES.

Masters of vessels or their agents may, whenever necessary, call at the Telegraph Company's Office in Connaught Road and send telegrams to the Observatory asking for special information without charge. Such inquiries may also be sent from the Police Station at Kowloon Point which is connected with the Observatory by telephone.

## THE RAND MINES.

Whilst labour difficulties have a great deal to do with the present uncertainty and depression existing in South Africa it does not follow that an adequate labour supply is the only thing that is needed to place the country and the mines upon the same footing that they occupied before the war. Just now complaints are heard from every quarter. Every industry and business has suffered, and a lack of confidence is displayed wherever speculation is concerned. Of course the predominating factor in the financial question is the output of the mines. Whereas before the war the rate of gold production was something like twenty millions sterling per annum, the output is now only about fourteen millions. This is directly traceable to lack of labour, and until the labour question is solved one cannot expect that the full number of stamps will be put into operation. But another very important factor in the present situation is the lack of money due to unwise speculation after the war. When Government opened up the task of settling the country huge profits were made. The dealer was induced by his successes to think that it was only necessary to launch out with his capital to gather in large and speedy returns; the builder was led to think that he needed but to build to secure heavy rentals, and speculation building and buying became for the time being a mad rush. Now we are witnessing the reaction. The builder finds himself with his tenements upon his hands; if they are tenanted his tenants cannot afford to pay; because they are suffering worse than he from the depression; he cannot obtain new tenants and for the time being his venture is proving a worthless speculation. On the other hand the dealer is overstocked. Buyers have bought up to their limit, and the tradesman's profit is locked up in his warehouse. To make matters worse for him Government is unloading its surplus stores. Every class of military stores, from hardware to groceries, is being poured into the market and the buying public either have not the wherewithal to buy, or they possess all they need for the times being. Such a state of affairs was almost inevitable in view of the course adopted after the war. Government based its financial measures on estimates of receipts which were much beyond the mark; and though the capital with its productive capacity is still represented in plant and in stock in the present crisis it goes for nothing. However one is led to believe by those upon the spot who are well able to make a proper estimate of the present situation that there is much more grumbling than is either necessary or justified. Though the output of the mines is much lower than it should be, the potentiality for production remains, and indeed the production is even now increasing. Labour saving plant has been and is being introduced, and this will enable the mine-owners to deal with a far greater amount of material with the same

amount of labour than has hitherto been the case. When the mines resume their normal output the banks will relinquish their rigid grasp upon ready money and confidence will be restored. Prosperity is merely a question of time once affairs settle down in proper working order. The labour question hinders progress, but notwithstanding the gloomy forebodings which have been and are being given utterance to, there is every reason to believe that the sanguine prophecies held out in the first instance by those who did not foresee the present depression will eventually be realised in fact.

## COMMERCIAL.

## RICE.

In their report, dated Saigon, 18th inst., Messrs. Wm. G. Hale and Co. write:—It is useless writing further about old grain, as stocks of same are now exhausted.

New Crop. The weather has proved somewhat capricious during the past fortnight, and paddy fields in some districts have had too much rain; but it is generally believed that late rains could not have had a much injurious effect and that crops will recover.

Early grain from some of the most favoured districts has already shown its appearance, but in very small parcels and prices have not yet settled down. Chinese dealers are, as yet, reluctant to contract for forward delivery except at high prices, being uncertain as to planters' ideas and to Eastern demand. Overtures from Europe have, so far, resulted in the settlement of some 15,000 tons, chiefly for France; shipment during February, March and April.

## TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

IN LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer	1/8 1/2
" Bank Bills, on demand	1/8 1/2
" Credits, 4 months' sight	1/9 5/16
" D'ments 4 months' sight	1/9 7/16
IN BERLIN, (demand)	M. 1.78
IN PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand	2.19
" Credits, 4 months' sight	2.22 1/2
IN NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand	42 1/2
" Credits, 30 days' sight	42 1/2
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer	129
" On demand	129 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer	71 1/2
" Private 30 days' sight	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T.	85 1/2
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.50
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael	59.90
Bar Silver	25 15/16

## OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

TO-day's quotations are as follows:—	
MALWA NEW	910/950
" LAST YEAR	970/1,050
" OLDEST	1,000/1,070
PATNA NEW	1,247 1/2
BERNAR'S NEW	1,245
PERSIAN (PAPER)	800/850

## To-day's Advertisements.

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship  
Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 3rd January, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS, LAFLAIX & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 31st December, 1903. [1537e]

## "SEIRE" LINE.

## FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship  
Captain J. M. Hafner, will be despatched for the above Ports, on or about MONDAY, the 4th January.

## FOR HAVRE, LONDON, ANTWERP AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship  
Captain W. A. Evans, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about FRIDAY, the 15th January, 1904, to be followed by the Steamship "RANORSHIRE."

These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers.

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
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Hongkong, 31st December, 1903. [1537e]

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## PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

## NOTICE.

## STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, ADEN, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX.

## PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 12th January, 1904, at 1 p.m., the Company's Steamship "ANNAM," Captain Girard, with Mail, Passengers, Specie and Cargo will leave this Port for MARSEILLES, via Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the Australian Line S



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FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"NESTOR"	On 1st January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KEEMUN"	On 8th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	On 14th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PINGUEY"	On 22nd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MOYUNE"	On 28th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 3rd February.

S.S. "NESTOR" left Singapore on the 26th inst., and is due here on the 1st January.

## HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ABERDEEN	"DARDANUS"	On 9th January.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ABERDEEN	"YANGTSE"	On 19th January.
*LIVERPOOL (With Transshipment at Singapore)	"NESTOR"	On 19th January.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"KEEMUN"	On 2nd February.
*GENOA, MARSEILLES & LONDON	"KINTUCK"	On 15th February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"MOYUNE"	On 1st March.

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ILOILO	"WUOHANG"	2nd January.
KOBE	"TAIYUAN"	5th "
MANILA	"BUNGIANG"	6th "
MANILA	"TAIYUAN"	23rd "
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNS- VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"TAIYUAN"	23rd "

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ZAFIRO	2549	R. Rodger	MANILA	SATURDAY, 2nd Jan., at 10 A.M.
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PERLA	1980	A. H. Notley	—	—

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Hongkong, 26th December, 1903.

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"INDRAVELLI"	2899	R. S. Quinn	Jan 25, 1904.
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Steamship.	Captain.	Tons.	Sailing Date.
ROHILLA MARU	Ernest Bent	3,869	SATURDAY, 2nd January, at 11 A.M.
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Hongkong, 29th December, 1903.

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DEPARTURES from Hongkong on Week  
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2 P.M. and Sundays about 7.30 P.M.  
FARE:—(Week Days) 1st Class (including  
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2nd Class, \$4; 3rd Class, \$3.  
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Single Ticket, \$2; Return Ticket, \$3. Return  
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Board or at Macao Hotel, \$5. On Sundays,  
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WHARF—At the Western end of Wing Lok  
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The Steamers run an Excursion Trip EVERY  
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Passage Fare, \$4 Single Journey.  
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The Company's Wharf is West of the Hong-  
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Hongkong, 30th December, 1903.FOR YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND  
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Hongkong, 24th December, 1903.

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7.30 P.M.MING ON & CO.,  
Hongkong, 31st December, 1903.FOR CHEMULPO, DALNY AND PORT  
ARTHUR.  
THE Steamship  
"SULLBERG,"  
Captain Meyer, will be despatched for the  
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at Noon.For Freight or Passage, apply to  
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,  
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1903.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.FOR SWATOW.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"HAILONG,"  
Captain Evans, will be despatched for the  
above Port, TO-MORROW, the 1st January,  
at Daylight.For Freight or Passage, apply to  
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General Managers.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1903.

HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET  
PRICES.

Corrected 30th December, 1903, per \$ Mex.

## BUTCHER MEAT.

	Cents.
Beef—Prime cut—Mei Lung Pak	17
" Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	17
" Roast—Shiu "	17
" Breast—Ngau Lam "	17
" Soup, Tong Yuk "	17
" Steak—Ngau Yuk Pak "	17
" Serjion—Ngau Lau "	17
" Sausages—Ngau Yuk Cheung "	17
Bullock's Brains—Know "	17
" Tongue fresh—Ngau Yuk "	17
" " Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk "	17
" Heart—Ngau Yuk "	17
" Hump, Salt—Ngau Yuk "	17
" Feet—Ngau Yuk "	17
" Kidneys—Ngau Yuk "	17
" Tail—Ngau Yuk "	17
" Liver—Ngau Yuk "	17
" Tripe (undressed)—Ngau Yuk "	17
Calves' Head and Feet—Ngau Yuk "	17
Mutton Chop—Young Pak Kw "	17
" Leg—Young Pak Kw "	17
" Shoulder—Young Pak Kw "	17
" Pig's Chilling—Chi Cheong "	17
" Brains—Chi Know "	17
" Feet—Chi Kerk "	17
" Fry—Chi Chak "	17
" Head—Chi Chak "	17
" Heart—Chi Sum "	17
" Kidneys—Chi Yiu "	17
" Liver—Chi Kon "	17
" Pork, Chop—Chi Pak Kwat "	17
" Corned—Ham Chu Yuk "	17
" Leg—Chu Pak Kwat "	17
" Fat or Lard—Chu Yuk "	17
" Sheep's Head and Feet—Young Pak Kw "	17
" Heart—Young Pak Kw "	17
" Kidneys—Young Pak Kw "	17
" Liver—Young Pak Kw "	17
" Sucking Pigs, To Order—Chu Chai "	17
" Suet, Beef—Sang Ngau Yuk "	17
" Mutton—Sang Ngau Yuk "	17
" Veal—Ngau Chai Yuk "	17
" Sausages—Ngau Chai Yuk Tong "	17

## POULTRY.

Chicken—Kai Chai	25
Capons, Large, Small—Sin Kai	25
Ducks—Ap	25
Doves—Pan Kau	25
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan	25
Fowls, Canton—Kai Tan	25
" Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	25
Geese, Wild—Shang Sheng Hoi Ye	25
" Ngo	25
Musk Deer—Wong Keng	25
Hare—Tu Chai	25
Partridge—Che Khoo	25
Pheasant—Shan Kai	25
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kup	25
" Hoihow—Hoihow Pak Kup	25
Quail—Um Chun	25
Rice Birds—Wo Fa Cheuk	25
Snipe—Sa Chui	25
Turkeys, Cock—Fo Kai Kung	25
" Hen—Fo Kai Kung	25
Wild Ducks, Shanghai, Sui Ap Chai	25
Teal, Shanghai, Sui Ap Chai	25
Wild Ducks Canton—Sang Shing Sui	25
Apea	25

## FISH.

Barbel—Ka Yu	25
Bream—Bin Yu	25
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	25
Carp—Li Yu	25
Catfish—Chik Yu	25
Codfish—Mun Yu	25
Crabs—Hai	25
Cuttle Fish—Muk Yu	25
Dab—Sa Mang Yu	25
Dace—Wong Mei Lun	25
Dog Fish—Hoi Ma Yu	25
Kel, Congor—Hoi Ma Yu	25
" Fresh water—Tam Sui Yu	25
" Yellow—Wong Sin	25
Frogs—Tien Kai	25
Garoupa—Sek Pak	25
Gudgeon—Pak Kup Yu	25
Herrings—Tso Pak	25
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Yu	25
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu	25
Loach—Wu Yu	25
Lobster—Lung Ha	25
Mackerel—Chai Yu	25
Monk Fish—Mun Yu	25
Mullet—Chai Yu	25
Oysters—Sang Hoo	25
Parrotfish—Kai Kung Yu	25
Perch—Tau Lok	25
Pike—Pa Pak Poong	25
Plaice—Pan Yu	25
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	25
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong	25
Prawns—Ming Ha	25
Ray—Fel Pa Sa	25
Rock Fish—Sek Kau Kung	25
Roach—Chun Yu	25
Salmon, (Cton), fresh water—Ma Yu	25
Shark—Sa Yu	25
Skate—Po Yu	25
Shrimps—Ha	25
Snapper—Lap Yu	25
Soles—Tat Sa Yu	25
Tench—Wan Yu	25
Turbot—Cho Hoi Yu	25
Turtles, small, fresh water—Kook Yu	25
White Bait—Ngau Yu Chai	25

## FRUITS.

Almond—Hung Yau	20
Apples, (California)—Kam San Ping	25
" (Chefoo)—Tin Chun Ping	15
" Ko	15
" Small—Hoi Tong	8
" Custard—Fan Lai Chi	8
Bananas, fragrant, Canton—Sang Sheng	4
" (brides), Macao—San Heung Chiu	4
Chestnuts, Chinese—Foong Lut	10
Carambola—Yeung Tou	10
Cocoanuts—Yeh Yu	20
Grapes—Sin Tai Yu	20
Lemons, China—Kam San Shuk	6
" Amer.—Kum San Ning Moong	7
Liches, Dried—Lai Chi Con	15
" Fresh, Lai Chi	15
Limes, (Saigon)—Sai Kung Ning	5
Moong	5
Mango, Manila—Lui Sung Moong	5
Mango, Saigon—Sai Kung Moong	5
Mangosteens, San Chuk Tsz	5
Oranges, (Canton)—Sang Sheng Tim	4
" Chang	4
" Small—Tai Kut	5
" Mandarin—Tin Kut	5
Olives—Pak Lam	7
Pears, (American)—Kam San Shuk	7
" (Canton), Cooking—Sa Li	10
" (Shanghai)—Sheung Hoi Li	10
Peanuts, Fa Sang	10
Perseimons Large—Hung Chio	6
Pine-apples, 1st quality—Sheung Foon	6
" Ti Paw-law	6
" and cooking—Chung-tang	3
" Paw-law	3
Platams—Tai Chen	8
Plums, Swatow—Hung Lai	10
Pumelo, Siam—Chim Lo Yau	12
Walnuts, Hop Tso	12
" Green—Sang Hop Tso	12

## VEGETABLES, &amp;c.

Artichokes, Shanghai—Sheung Hoi	8
Chi Chai	8
Beans, (French) Macao—Oh Moon Pin	8
Tau	8
Beans, (French), Shanghai—Sheung Hoi	8
Pin Tau	8
Beans, Sprout—Ah Choi	2
Beans Long—Tau Kok	2
Beet Root—Hung Choi Tau	2
each	2
Brinjals, Green—Cheng Yuen Ker	2
Brinjals, Red—Hung Ker	2
each	2
Brassica—Pak Choi	2
Bamboo Shoots—Chook Shun	2
Cabbage, Chinese, com.—Tai Choy	2
Cabbage Root—Kai Lan Tau	2
each	2
Cabbages, (Shanghai)—Yeh Choi	2
Cane Shoots, bunch—Kau Shun	2
Cauliflower, Large size—Tai Yeh Choi	30
Fa	30
Cauliflower, Medium size—Cheung Yeh	30
Choi-fai	30
Cauliflower, Small size—Sai Yeh Choi-fa	30
Carrots—Kam Shun	12
Celery, Chinese—Tong Kan Choy	12
Celery, English—Yeung Kan Choy	12
Celery, White—Pak Yeung Kan Chui	12
Chilies Dried—Con Lat Chiu	12
Red—Hung Fa	12
Green—Cheng Lat Chiu	12
Carry Stuff, English—Ka Lee Choi Liu	12
Cucumbers—Cheng Kwa	12
Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa	12
Garlic—Suen Tau	12
Ginger, young—Sun Tsz Keung	12
old—Lo Keung	12
Horse Radish, Shanghai—Lik Kan	12
Indian Corn—Suk Mai	12
each	12
Lettuce—Yeung Sang Choi	12
each	12
Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai	12
Mandarin—Kwai Lam Ma Tai	12
Mushrooms Fresh—Sang Cho Kiu	12
Onions, Bombay—Yeung Chung Tau	12
Green—Sung Chung	12
Shai—Shung Hoi Chung Tau	12
Japan—Yat Poon	12
Okra—Ma Kai	12
Parsley, English—Fung On Yu	12
Green Peas—Cheng Tau	12
Potatoes	12
Shanghai—Cheng Tau	12
Japan—Cheng Tau	12
Amer.—Fa Ki	12
French—Fuk Chau Shu Tai	12
Macao—Oh Moon	12
Pumpkin—Toong Kwa	12
Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tai	12
Shallots—Con Chung Tau	12
Spinage (Chinese)—Paw Choi	12
Spinach—Yin Choi	12
Tomatoes—Fan Ker	12
Taro—Wa Tau	12